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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A housing for use in a communication system, comprising:
a connection area configured to be at least partially accessible from outside of the
housing;

a housing cover comprised of a first hood and a cover portion, the first hood having at
least ~~one push through aperture openings~~ and at least one attachment mechanism, the cover
portion having at least one clip connection mechanism sized and configured to releasably retain
the at least one attachment mechanism of the first hood;

a base housing part; and

a printed circuit board arranged between the base housing part and the cover portion, the
printed circuit board having an extension area, the extension area comprised of at least one first
~~plug-in plug in~~ device sized and configured to connect to for a first extension printed circuit
board;

the cover portion configured to releasably attach to the base housing part and configured
to clamp at least a portion of the printed circuit board against the base housing part when the
cover portion is attached to the base housing part; and

wherein the first hood is only releasable from the cover portion after the at least one attachment mechanism and at least one clip connection mechanism are interlocked by use of a mechanical tool.

14. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 13,
further comprising a second hood adapted to be releasably connected to the cover portion,
wherein the second hood covers the connection area when the second hood is connected
to the cover portion.

15. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 13,
wherein the base housing part includes a guide and a support edge,
wherein the guide guides the printed circuit board and the cover portion during assembly,
and
wherein the printed circuit board is arranged between the support edge and the cover
portion.

16. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 14,
wherein the base housing part includes a guide and a support edge,
wherein the guide guides the printed circuit board and the cover portion during assembly,
and
wherein the printed circuit board is arranged between the support edge and the cover
portion.

17. (Currently Amended) The housing according to claim 16, wherein the printed circuit board includes a second plug-in device that is sized and configured to establish ~~establishes~~ an electrical connection with a second extension printed circuit board.

18. (Currently Amended) The housing according to claim 13, wherein the printed circuit board includes a second plug-in device that is sized and configured to establish ~~establishes~~ an electrical connection with a second extension printed circuit board.

19. (Currently Amended) The housing according to claim 13, wherein the at least one ~~the~~ aperture is arranged to face ~~the~~ push through openings are arranged to face the connection area.

20. (Currently Amended) The housing according to claim 19, wherein the each aperture ~~the~~ is a generally rectangular push through opening, ~~push through openings are rectangular break~~ ~~outs having a starting bevel~~.

21. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 14, wherein a part selected from the group consisting of the cover portion, the first hood, and the second hood is manufactured by injection molding.

22. (Currently Amended) The housing according to claim 21, wherein the mechanical tool is a screwdriver and wherein a part selected from the group consisting of the cover portion, the first hood, and the second hood is manufactured from a polymer plastic.

23. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 14 wherein a part selected from the group consisting of the cover portion, the first hood, and the second hood is manufactured from a polymer plastic.

24. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 17, wherein the first hood and the second hood are each curved in a convex shape in a central area running concentrically to a center longitudinal axis.

25. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 14 wherein the first hood and the second hood are each curved in a convex shape in a central area running concentrically to a center longitudinal axis.

26. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 14 wherein the first hood and the second hood adjoin side wall sections of the cover portion in an assembled state.

27. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 26, wherein the first hood, the second hood and the side wall sections form a continuous surface when interconnected to the cover portion.

28. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 13, wherein the base housing part has at least one keyhole-shaped cutout for wall mounting.

29. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 13, wherein the base housing part is further comprised of at least one guide.

30. (Previously Presented) The housing of claim 14 wherein the second hood has at least one twist lock and at least one snap-in hook, each snap-in hook adjacent a respective twist lock and wherein the second hood is releasable from the cover portion without use of a tool.

31. (Previously Presented) The housing of claim 30 wherein the at least one twist lock and at least one snap-in hook are configured to releasably attach to the cover portion when at least a portion of the at least one snap-in hook is inserted into at least one opening formed in the cover portion.

32. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 13 wherein the at least one first plug-in plug-in device is comprised of a first plug-in plug-in device that is comprised of an extension circuit board.